

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley  
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

25th March 2018

## PALM SUNDAY



### TODAY

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Pam Haggith

#### 11.00 am CTAL Blessing of the Palms

on Kitters Green and also  
in St Lawrence

Hymns: 153 - 346

#### 11.30 am Holy Communion with Seekers and Creche

President: The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: 329 - 11 - 391 - 73 - 435

4.00 pm Malawi Meeting in the Breakspear Rm

#### 6.30 pm Taize Service

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

#### 7.30 pm Lent Course -

'The Lord's Prayer'

in the Breakspear Room

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Thursday

#### Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Thursday

#### Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

7.00 pm Monday to Wednesday

8.00 pm Maundy Thursday

#### Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

#### Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

#### An Hour of the Passion

1.00 pm Good Friday

#### Good Friday Liturgy

### WELCOME

**Welcome** to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you have been confirmed or usually receive **Communion** in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a **Blessing**, and if you carry a book with you the priest will know not to offer you the bread and wine.



Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users.



**For our younger members at 11.30 am:**

**Crèche** (0-3 years)

in the Breakspear Room  
with suitable toys;

**Seekers** (3-10 years)

begin in church then move  
to the church hall

**Quiet Children's Corner**  
in church



A **collection** is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please use a gift aid envelope.

This money is fundamental to the life of the church: its ministry, mission and charitable giving.

As we receive no income from the Government or any other external body, we are reliant on the generosity of the community and our fundraising endeavours to ensure that the important work of the parish continues.

If you would prefer to set up a regular direct debit, please pick up a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.

## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

*Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.*

**COLLECT:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-9

Bible page 691

There are four 'Servant Songs' in the book of Isaiah, although the Servant is never identified. His vocation is to hear God's word and speak it to the weary and despondent people of Israel. Through suffering and persecution the Servant has been faithful to God and obedient to his call, trusting in God for his final vindication. Jesus appears to have identified closely with this and the other Servant passages.

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

Bible page 194

One of the earliest confessions of faith was 'Jesus is Lord' and this hymn incorporates it, alongside a poetic description of Christ's incarnation and his obedience to death, through which he is raised to glory.

### GOSPEL

Mark 11 vv 1-11

Bible page 45

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding upon a donkey (the 'triumphal entry') is found in all four gospels. Jesus seems to be choosing to draw attention to himself, which contrasts with his behaviour thus far: is he now challenging people to acknowledge his kingship? To ride upon a donkey was not only highly unusual, it was a royal prerogative. The contrast with the approaching events is a challenge to any of us who call him 'Lord' but are not prepared to follow him to the cross.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

#### Antem at 11.30 am:

'A Palm Sunday Antiphon'

*Music: David Morgan,*

*Text: Matthew 21:9*

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Thou that sittest  
in the highest heavens.  
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the opportunities offered by Holy Week to enter more deeply into the passion of Christ
- » God's faithfulness to his people

### PRAY FOR

- » courage in walking the way of the cross
- » grace and commitment in our keeping of Holy Week
- » for those who live in Church Hill, College Road, Creasy Close
- » for those who worship at St Paul and for the Revd James Webster

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Pam Costello : Jeff Rees : Jean Harris :  
Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Ben :  
Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett :  
Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Audrey Powell (The Grange) :  
Victor Clark (Abbots Road) :  
George Morris (Kindersley Way) :  
Doreen Bolitho : Betty Murray :  
Lilian Foreman

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 26th

- 1.30 pm Breakspeare School visit St Lawrence
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 7.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily in St Lawrence

### TUESDAY 27th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room
- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier Ernest William Roome
- 2.00 pm Lent Course in the Breakspeare Room
- 3.00 pm Funeral for Victor Clark at the crem
- 7.00 pm St Lawrence Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily in St Lawrence

### WEDNESDAY 28th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 10.30 am Carers' Network in the Methodist hall
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Tannerswood School visit St Lawrence
- 7.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 8.00 pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing followed by Watch through the Night in St Lawrence

### GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00 am CTAL Walk of Witness from St Paul's, Langleybury up through the village
- 1.00 pm An Hour of the Passion in St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

### EASTER EVE

- 9.30 am Easter flower arranging in St Lawrence

## NEXT SUNDAY

### EASTER DAY

1st April 2018

- 6.15 am **CTAL Sunrise Service** in Toms Lane
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am **Parish Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Tin Church  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall
- 6.30 pm **Choral Evensong** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25.6-9; Acts 10.34-43;  
John 20.1-18

## NOTICES

► Please fill in a slot if you would like to keep watch during **MAUNDY THURSDAY** night.

► If you would be willing to have your **FOOT WASHED** during the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday at 8.00 pm please sign the list or tell Peter.

► **CHURCHES TOGETHER** this week: **Walk of Witness** on Good Friday leaving Langleybury at 10.00 am, stopping at the Baptist Church, St Lawrence and St Saviour's and finishing at the Methodist Church; and a **Sunrise Service** on Easter Day at 6.15 am. All welcome.

► Please sign the list if you can help with **FLOWER ARRANGING** for Easter on Saturday 31st March from 9.30 am onwards.

► **EASTER MONDAY** - I think we have enough offers of help - thank you - but please sign the list if you want to eat, breakfast and/ or supper.

► Friends of St Lawrence **SAFARI SUPPER** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: could you be a host for 4 - 6 people for a main meal, or provide a dessert (reasonable costs paid)? Would you like to attend? Tickets £16.50. Contact Sue Coultrup 334387 or the Office.

► **MALAWI 2018 - African-themed Dinner and Wine Tasting Quiz** in the church hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £18 to include a 3-course meal and wine - available from the Church Office.

► **ELECTORAL ROLL** - if you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and would consider yourself a member of St Lawrence or the Tin Church then please pick up a form in either church or ask for one from the Office.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of long-life milk, sugar, rice pudding, long-life fruit juice and canned meat - please put items in the box at the back of church which will be emptied regularly. We will keep you updated on what food is required.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for April.

► **Sara Bedford** has completed the Tearfund **MEAN BEAN CHALLENGE**. You can still help her raise money for those for whom a sub-standard diet is the norm for their entire lives, by sponsoring her: <https://tinyurl.com/y7nubo2m>

► A practical **ART WORKSHOP** as part of a series of themed workshops "The Cow in Art" to be held in the Tin Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. This is suitable for all abilities with materials and refreshments provided. Further details from Susan Cooke on 07962 868028/ email: [mscooke044@btinternet.com](mailto:mscooke044@btinternet.com).

► **JERUSALEM JOY** - a concert version of Roger Jones' first ever musical, which tells the story of Easter, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, will be performed as part of the Spring Concert Series on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am in St Lawrence. Rehearsals are on Fridays, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 6.15-7.15pm, and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00-8.00 pm with a final run through on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30-8.30pm. All ages welcome, no matter what your musical ability. Under the direction of Sarah Moreton, the Youth Choir Leader ([moretons1964@gmail.com](mailto:moretons1964@gmail.com)).

## CONTACT NUMBERS

Vicar:	The Revd Dr Peter Waddell 01923 263013
Email:	<a href="mailto:vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk">vicar@abbotslangley.org.uk</a>
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Angela Milton 01923 519453
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Guy Buckler via the Church Office
Assistant Priest:	The Revd Brian Hibberd via the Church Office
Reader:	Mrs Sally Sanderson 01923 265963
Church Office:	01923 261795
Open:	9.30 am to 1.00 pm daily
Email:	<a href="mailto:adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk">adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk</a>

*If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter directly.*

